being prepared, we had no inkling of it, hence the usual provision of Rs. 600 only was made then. I am sure that the House will not grudge to sanction any additional allotments that we may stand in need of towards the measures we are taking for the eradication of this scourge. Hence I leave the amount as it stands.

Stationery and Printing.—require no explanation from me except perhaps in the case of the larger provision made for purchase of stationery articles. Under 'Stationery' the budget estimate is fixed at Rs. 60,000 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 45,750, the increase being mainly due to the larger quantity of paper to be purchased to meet the growing demands for printing paper and of writing paper for offices and to the higher contract rates of 1104.

Military.—As against the revised estimate of Rs. 94,600 the budget estimate for 1104 is fixed at Rs. 1,04,500, thus exceeding the former by Rs. 9,900 mainly on account of the provision of Rs. 4,000 made under 'Miscellaneous' for the purchase of horses with the consequent increase in the cost of feeding provided for and also due to the fact that provision has been made for the full sanctioned force.

Public Works Department.—For the next year we are budgetting for an expenditure of Rs. 14,30,800 as against the revised estimate of Rs. 12,65,000. Of the total allotment a sum of Rs. 2,66,379 is to go to 'Mechanical Engineering' and the balance of Rs. 11,64,416 is reserved for 'Civil Engineering.' 'Communications' consume Rs. 3,96,157 out of the total allotment, there being some important original works of communication which are either continuation of the old schemes or entirely new ones. 'Buildings' take up a provision of Rs. 3,95,061 from the allotment of which a large part is for the construction of palaces. The only other important building works proposed for the next year are the Leper Asylum buildings at Adur, Improvements to Hospitals, etc. After the cut passed in the Council the allotment for the construction of the Pay Ward was Rs. 20,000 only in the current year while the sanctioned estimate comes to Rs. 25,500. Of this, the expenditure in the current year is estimated at Rs. 15,000 and the balance of Rs. 10,500 is provided next year. Under 'Irrigation' we have made a lump provision of Rs. 1,00,000 for the coming year for being spent on such schemes as may seem useful as a result of the investigation now going on. Under 'Mechanical and Electrical Engineering' important additions are proposed for the various items of repairs and renewals for the water works systems at Chowwara, Mattancheri and Nemmara.

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